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SUBJECT: US ATTENDANCE AT FALL 1974 CANTON TRADE FAIR

REF: STATE 1409

1. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR USLO TO GIVE A PRECISE FIGURE FOR US ATTENDANCE AT ANY CANTON FAIR. WE CAN ONLY PROVIDE ESTIMATES BASED ON THE NUMBER OF US CITIZENS WHOM WE MET OR KNEW TO BE PRESENT AT THE FAIR, WITH ALLOWANCE MADE FOR AN ASSUMED ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHOM WE DID NOT MEET. USING THIS METHOD WE ARRIVED AT OUR FALL FAIR FIGURE OF 340, INCLUDING ABOUT 40 WIVES AND DEPENDENTS. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION SUBSEQUENT TO THE CLOSING OF THE FAIR WHICH WOULD CAUSE US TO CHANGE THIS ESTIMATE.

2. WHILE WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TA KUNG PAO (TKP) ARRIVED AT ITS ESTIMATE OF OVER 400 US BUSINESSMEN AT THE FAIR, WE CONSIDER THE FIGURE TOO HIGH. ONE PARTIAL EXPLANATION FOR THE DIFFERENCE WOULD BE THAT THE TKP FIGURE INVOLVES CHINESE DOUBLE COUNTING OF SOME AMERICANS WHO VISITED THE FAIR MORE THAN ONCE DURING ITS MONTH-LONG RUN. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT TKP INCLUDED US TOURISTS VISITING CHINA WHO WERE TAKEN ON TOURS OF THE FAIR WHILE IN CANTON BUT DID NOT ATTEND THE FAIR FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES. SEVERAL SINO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION TOURS DID PASS THROUGH CANTON AT THAT TIME AND DID VISIT THE FAIR BUILDING.

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3. WHATEVER THE REASONS, WE ARE REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT OUR

ESTIMATE COMES CLOSE TO REPRESENTING THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF  
AMERICANS (AND THEIR DEPENDENTS) WHO ATTENDED THE FAIR ON  
BUSINESS INVITATIONS.  
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